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Amendments to the Claims

1. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to perform a method comprising:
receiving a message in a queue, wherein the queue is associated with an ordered plurality of triggers ~~at least one trigger~~, each trigger comprises at least one rule, each trigger grouping the at least one rule, each rule, at least, specifies a condition and specifies an action, and the action specified by each rule is capable of being different for each rule;

for each trigger associated with the queue, in the order of the ordered plurality of triggers, checking whether the condition specified by the at least one rule of and grouped by the trigger associated with the queue is satisfied by the message; and,

upon determining that the condition specified by the rule is satisfied by the message, performing the action specified by the rule.

12. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 11, wherein performing the action specified by the rule comprises activating each of at least one module referenced by the rule.

13. (Original) The medium of claim 12, wherein each module comprises one of: a software component; and, an executable program file.

14. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 12, wherein activating each of at least one module referenced by the rule comprises passing the message to the module.

15. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 11, ~~where the wherein~~ each trigger further comprises ~~has~~ an enabled state and a disabled state, such that the condition of each of the at least one rule of and grouped by the trigger is checked for

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satisfaction by the message received in the queue only when the trigger is in the enabled state.

16. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one rule comprises a short-circuit rule, such that satisfaction by the message received in the queue of the condition specified by the rule causes checking for satisfaction of the condition of any non-checked rules of the at least one rule grouped by the trigger associated with the queue to stop.

17. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one rule comprises a destructive rule, such that satisfaction by the message received in the queue of the condition specified by the rule removes the message from the queue.

18. (Original) The medium of claim 11, wherein checking is performed in a serial manner.

19. (Original) The medium of claim 11, wherein checking is performed in a concurrent manner.

20. (Currently Amended) A transactional message system comprising:
at least one queue, each queue capable of receiving a plurality of messages;
a trigger store of at least one trigger, each trigger associated with a queue, each trigger having a switchable enabled/disabled state switched to selected from one of an enabled state and a disabled state, and each trigger grouping a plurality of rules in the trigger having at least one rule, each rule, at least, specifying a condition and specifying an action, and the action specified by each rule is capable of being different for each rule;
and,

a trigger service ~~designed to~~ configured to, at least, upon receipt of a message in a queue, for each trigger associated with the queue, if the switchable enabled/disabled state of the trigger is in the enabled state, check the condition specified by each rule grouped by the trigger of each trigger associated with the queue that is in the enabled state for

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satisfaction by the message, such that the action specified by the rule is performed upon satisfaction by the message of the condition specified by the rule ~~by the message~~.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the trigger store corresponds to a particular computer and references each of the at least one trigger within a trigger database.

22. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein each of the at least one queue comprises data stored on a computer-readable medium.

23. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein each of the at least one trigger store comprises data stored on a computer-readable medium.

24. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the trigger service comprises a computer program executed by a processor from a computer-readable medium.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, further comprising a trigger manager ~~designed~~ configured to, at least, provide for creating, editing and deleting triggers and rules grouped in triggers in a visual, non-programming manner.

26. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the trigger store of the at least one trigger comprises a trigger store of a plurality of ordered triggers.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the trigger service is further ~~designed~~ configured to, at least, perform the action specified by the rule by activating each of at least one module referenced by the rule.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27, further comprising at least one module, such that the at least one module referenced by the rule as activated by the trigger service are selected from the at least one module.

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29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein each module comprises one of: a software component, and an executable program file.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 28, wherein the trigger service is further ~~designed~~ configured to, at least, activate each of the at least one module referenced by the rule such that the message ~~to the module~~ is passed to the module.

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the at least one rule comprises a short circuit rule, such that satisfaction by the message received in the queue of the condition specified by the rule causes the trigger service to stop checking for satisfaction of the condition specified by each of any non-checked rules of the at least one rule grouped by the trigger associated with the queue.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the at least one rule comprises a destructive rule, such that satisfaction by the message received in the queue of the condition specified by the rule removes the message from the queue.

33. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein checking is performed in a serial manner.

34. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein checking is performed in a concurrent manner.

35. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the system comprises at least one computer.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer for inclusion into a transactional message system comprising:
at least one queue, each queue capable of receiving a plurality of messages;
a trigger store of at least one trigger, each trigger associated with a queue, ~~having a~~

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~~state selected from one of an enabled state and a disabled state, and each trigger having~~
grouping at least one rule in the trigger, each rule, at least, specifying a condition and
specifying an action, and the action specified by each rule is capable of being different for
each rule;

a trigger manager configured to, at least, provide for creating, editing and deleting
of triggers and rules grouped in triggers in a visual, non-programming manner; and,

means for, upon receipt of a message in a queue, for each trigger associated with
the queue, checking the condition specified by each rule grouped by the trigger of each
~~trigger associated with the queue that is in the enabled state~~ for satisfaction by the
message, and performing the action specified by the rule upon satisfaction by the message
of the condition specified by the rule ~~by the message~~.

37. (Original) The computer of claim 36, wherein the trigger store
references each of the at least one trigger within a trigger database.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Original) The computer of claim 36, wherein the trigger store of the at
least one trigger comprises a trigger store of a plurality of ordered triggers.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 36, wherein the means
for checking and performing is further for performing the action specified by the at least
one rule by activating each of at least one module referenced by the at least one rule.

41. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 40, further comprising
at least one module, such that the at least one module referenced by the at least one rule
are selected from the at least one module.

42. (Original) The computer of claim 40, wherein each module comprises
one of: a software component, and an executable program file.

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43. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 40, wherein the means for checking and performing is further for activating each of the at least one module referenced by the at least one rule such that the message is passed to the module.

44. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 36, wherein the at least one rule comprises a short circuit rule, such that satisfaction by the message received in the queue of the condition specified by the rule causes the means for checking and performing to stop checking for satisfaction of the condition specified by each of any non-checked rules of the at least one rule grouped by the trigger associated with the queue.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 36, wherein the at least one rule comprises a destructive rule, such that satisfaction by the message received in the queue of the condition specified by the rule removes the message from the queue.

46. (Original) The computer of claim 36, wherein checking is performed in a serial manner.

47. (Original) The computer of claim 36, wherein checking is performed in a concurrent manner.

48. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method performable within a transactional message system comprising:

receiving, as part of a transaction, a message in a queue, wherein the queue is associated with at least one trigger, wherein each trigger comprises a set of rules at least one rule, the trigger grouping the set of rules, the set of rules comprises an ordered set of checked rules having an order independent of non-checked rules, each rule, at least, specifies a condition and specifies an action, and the action specified by each rule is capable of being different for each rule; and

for each checked rule of each trigger associated with the queue, in the order of the ordered set of checked rules grouped by the trigger:

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(a) checking if the message satisfies the condition specified by the checked rule; and

(b) if the message does satisfy the condition specified by the checked rule then performing the action specified by the checked rule.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein the action specified by the checked rule comprises at least one reference to a module, and wherein performing the action specified by the checked rule comprises activating each of the at least one module referenced by the action specified by the checked rule.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein each referenced module comprises one of: a software component; and, an executable program file.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 49, wherein activating each of the at least one module referenced by the action of the checked rule comprises passing the message to each referenced module.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein each trigger further comprises a switchable enabled/disabled state, and the ~~at least one rule of~~ set of rules grouped by the trigger is checked for satisfaction only if the switchable enabled/disable state of the trigger is in an enabled state.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein ~~the at least one of the set of rules grouped by the at least one trigger~~ comprises a short circuit rule, and the action specified by the short circuit rule comprises stopping the checking of each non-checked rule of the at least one of the set of rules grouped by the at least one trigger.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein ~~the at least one rule comprises an ordered set of rules, the ordered set of rules comprises an ordered set of checked rules, the ordered set of checked rules are checked in order, at least one of~~

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the ordered set of checked rules grouped by the at least one trigger comprises a short circuit rule, and the action specified by the short circuit rule comprises stopping the checking of any rules in the at least one of the ordered set of checked rules subsequent in the order to the short circuit rule.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein the ~~at least one rule~~ ordered set of checked rules grouped by the trigger comprises a destructive rule, and the action specified by the destructive rule comprises removing the message from the queue.

56. – 57. (Canceled)